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ATTESTATION FORM (HOSTILITIES FORM)

FOR MEN OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

SURNAME BERGE OFFICIAL No. 13882
CHRISTIAN NAMES Olaf Elmer MARRIED, SINGLE OR WIDOWER Single

PERMANENT ADDRESS: 3640 Carolina St., Vancouver B.C. (Fair. 5427 L)
RELIGION: United

DATE OF BIRTH: 1st September 1924
*PLACE OF BIRTH: Town Viking, County, Province Alberta
NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN: Mother: Mrs. Ida BERGE, 3640 Carolina St., Vancouver B.C.
*Original Nationality of: Father Norwegian, Mother American

*If not the son of natural born British parents, particulars to be given at foot of next page.

(A) PERSONAL DESCRIPTION ON ENROLMENT

HEIGHT	CHEST MEASUREMENT	HAIR	EYES	COMPLEXION	WOUNDS, SCARS, MARKS
Feet..... <u>5'</u>	Inflated..... <u>37"</u>	<u>Light Brown</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Nil</u>
Inches..... <u>6 1/2"</u>	Deflated..... <u>32"</u>				
<u>138 Lbs.</u>	Mean..... <u>33"</u>				

EDUCATIONAL STANDING: 1 Year High School
TRADE OR CALLING AND IN WHOSE EMPLOY: Machinist, Boeing Aircraft of Canada Ltd., Vancouver B.C.

DATE OF ENROLMENT: 19th October 1943
RATING FOR WHICH ENROLLED: Stoker 2nd Class RCNVR (Temp)
H.M.C.S. ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH ENROLLED: HMCS "DISCOVERY"

(B) DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY APPLICANT

I hereby declare as follows:—

- (1) That I am a British Subject domiciled in Canada.
- (2) That I am desirous of being enrolled as a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve Force, and that I accept and agree to abide by the rules of the said Force.
- (3) That * (a) I have never served, and am not serving in any Naval, Military, Air Force, Reserve or Territorial Force.

* (b) ~~I served in His Majesty's Forces on account of my knowledge~~ for the period shown, and attach my record of service in collaboration of this statement.

*Cross out Clause not applicable.

SERVED IN	RANK	FROM	TO
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- (c) I have never been rejected for or discharged from any of His Majesty's Forces on account of unfitness.
- (4) That the particulars contained above are correct and true according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Are you in possession of an U.I. Book? Yes

Personnel Records Division.
Noted in Record Card
1. ...
2. ...
3. Non Sub. Card
4. Statistical Card
5. R. Rec. Card
6. Pension Card
7. ...
8. ...
DATE 6-11-43

R.C.M. Report received - Sat.

(5) On being enrolled as a member of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, I undertake to bind myself:—

(a) To serve from the date thereof for the duration of hostilities, being subject to the provisions of the Naval Service Act, and of the Regulations made in pursuance thereof for the government of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, and to the customs and usages of His Majesty's Canadian Naval Service.

(b) To report for active service when called and to serve ashore or afloat as may be directed, according to where my services are required.

(c) To keep in good repair and condition the articles of uniform and any articles of outfit which may be issued to me and to return them to the nearest naval establishment prior to my discharge or when required so to do by any authorized person, or to pay compensation for any loss or damage thereto other than fair wear and tear; and also, until called into active service, not to wear such uniform or outfit (which is and remains the property of the Crown) except when on naval duty.

(d) To undergo vaccination or re-vaccination, or inoculation, as considered necessary by the appropriate authorities.

(e) I have not been induced to enter as a Stoker 2nd Class
R.C.N.V.R. (Temp) by the prospect of being transferred at some future date to any other branch or rating.

Dated this 19th day of October 1943

Signature of applicant E. O. Berge

(C) CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER

I hereby certify that all the foregoing statements were made by the volunteer above named and that he has made and signed the above declaration in my presence on this 19th

day of October 1943

My authority for attestation is RD 7-5-2 B of 20th September 1943

Lieut. RCNVR

Signature and rank of Attesting Officer.

(D) OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Olaf Elmer BERGE do sincerely promise and swear (or solemnly declare) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Britannic Majesty, His heirs and successors according to law.

Signature of Applicant E. O. Berge

Witness W. H. Underhill

Date 19th October 1943 Rank Lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R.

The Oath of Allegiance must be administered by a Commissioned Officer of the Naval Service.

NOTE.—Attestation Form in duplicate, Certificate of Medical Examination (B-207) in duplicate, Occupational History Form in triplicate and certificates of previous service are to be forwarded to Naval Service Headquarters **immediately** after attestation.

Certificates of previous service will be returned after examination.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

F. 237

43E. 1082/3-671

DIVISION FILE No.

DIVISION "E" Vancouver, C.I.B. DETACHMENT Intelligence Section.
PROVINCE B.C. DATE Oct. 4, 1943

FILE REFS. RE: Olaf Elmer BERGE,
3640 Carolina Street, Vancouver, B.C.
Applicant for Naval Service.

Secret.

HEADQUARTERS

1. With reference to the above named and request received from the R.C.N.V.R., Recruiting Officer, Vancouver, of the 14th ultimo, investigation has been made as requested.

SUB-DIVISION

2. The above named, who lives with his parents at the above mentioned address enjoys an excellent reputation in the district, and should be fit for engagement in the Naval Service. The records of the Vancouver City Police show that subject has no criminal record, nor does his name appear in any of our radical or subversive files.

DETACHMENT

M.C. sgd Cst.
Reg.No.12343 (W.C.Wallace)

P.C.R.

The Recruiting Officer, H.M.C.S. "Discovery", Vancouver, B.C.

FORWARDED: with reference to your enquiry of September 14th, 1943.

A. R. V. No.

Vancouver,
6-10-43
DEM/JW

sgd
(C.K.Gray) Supt.
O.C."E" Division.

The Commissioner, R.C.M.P., Ottawa, Ont.

FORWARDED for your information.

Vancouver,
6-10-43
DEM/JW

sgd
(C.K.Gray) Supt.
O.C."E" Division.

DIARY DATE

SET FOR.....

N.V. 17
 GOM-9-42 (5043)
 N.S. 815-11-17

The corner of this Certificate is to be cut off if the man is discharged with a "Bad" character or with disgrace, or if specially directed by the Department of National Defence (Naval Service). If the corner is cut off, the fact is to be noted in the Ledger.

CERTIFICATE of the SERVICE of

Dean Elmer BERGE

in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve

NS 130624

Training Headquarters	R.C.N.V.R. Division	Official Number <i>V-73882</i>
	<i>HMCS "Discovery"</i>	"
		"

Date of Birth <i>1st September 1924</i>	Name and Address of Nearest Relative or Friend (in pencil) <i>Father Paul Elmer Berge 3640 Carolina St Vancouver B.C.</i>
Place of Birth <i>Edmonton, Alberta</i>	
Place of Residence <i>3640 Carolina St. Vancouver B.C.</i>	
Trade brought up to <i>Machinist</i>	
Religion <i>United Church</i>	

Can Swim:—P.P.T. Date.....19..... Signature..... Rank.....
 P.S.T. Date.....19..... Signature..... Rank.....

PARTICULARS OF SERVICE				MEDALS, DECORATIONS, etc.		
Date of Actual Volunteering	Date of Enrolment or re-enrolment	Period Volunteered for	Rating on Enrolment or Re-enrolment	Date of		Nature of Decoration
				Award	Presentation	
	<i>19 Oct 43</i>	<i>Hostilities</i>	<i>Str 2</i>	<i>15 April 45</i>		<i>Presumably awarded C.V.S.M.</i>

	Height		Chest (mean)	Weight	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	MARKS, WOUNDS, SCARS
	Feet	Inches						
On Entry	<i>5</i>	<i>6 1/2</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>138</i>	<i>Light Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>nil</i>
On re-enrolment—6 years' Service								
On re-enrolment—12 years' Service								
Further Description if necessary								

TRANSFER BETWEEN DIVISIONS			TRANSFER—LISTS A AND B		
From	To	Date	List	Date	Authority

NAVAL TRAINING and ACTIVE SERVICE

Year	SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	NON-SUB. RATE	RATING	FROM	TO	CAUSE OF DISCHARGE
	<i>Discovery</i>		<i>Sto. 2</i>	<i>19 Oct 43</i>	<i>9 Dec '43</i>	
				<i>Active Service</i>		
	<i>Discovery</i>		<i>Sto. 2/c</i>	<i>10 Dec '43</i>	<i>28 Jun '44</i>	
	<i>Cornwallis</i>		<i>—</i>	<i>29 Jun '44</i>	<i>7 Mar '44</i>	
	<i>Stadacona</i>		<i>—</i>	<i>8 Mar '44</i>	<i>29 Mar '44</i>	
	<i>Avonlea (Esquimaux)</i>		<i>—</i>	<i>28 Mar '44</i>	<i>7 SEP '44</i>	
	<i>Avonlea (— " —)</i>	<i>over 6 mos</i>	<i>STO. 1/c</i>	<i>9 Jun '44</i>	<i>24 Sep '44</i>	<i>A-14190 F-14714</i>
	<i>Stadacona (Esquimaux)</i>		<i>—</i>	<i>25 Sep '44</i>	<i>16 Apr '45</i>	<i>D.D. 33846</i>

Wounds Received in Action, Hurt Certificates, Meritorious Service, Special Recommendations, Prizes or other Grants

Date	Details	Captain's Signature
<i>5 Feb '45</i>	<i>Service # F 334122 28-8 days</i>	

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V73882

OFFICIAL NUMBER

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OFFICIAL NUMBER V73882

NAME BERGE
(Surname)

Olaf Elmer
(Given Names)

DATE OF BIRTH 1 Sept. 1924.

PLACE OF BIRTH Viking, Alta.

OCCUPATION Machinist

RELIGION United

EDUCATION 1 year high school

RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT: Street and No. 3640 Carolina St., Town Vancouver, Province, etc. B.C.

Date (in figures)			Period	DESCRIPTION					PREVIOUS SERVICE		
Day	Month	Year		Height	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Marks or Scars	Served in	Rank or Rating	Dates From To
19	10	43	H.O.	5' 6 1/2"	l. brown	blue	fair	nil			

NEXT OF KIN RELATIONSHIP (in pencil) Mr. Egil G. Borge

NAME (in pencil) Father

ADDRESS (in pencil): Street and No. 3640 Carolina St.

Town Vancouver Province, etc. B.C.

Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars	Date (in figures)			Particulars
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	

Date (in figures)			1st, 2nd or 3rd G.C. or G.S.	Granted Deprived Restored
Day	Month	Year		

SHIP OR ESTABLISHMENT	Wt. No.	Date (in figures)			BRIEF PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE	PUNISHMENT
		Day	Month	Year		

Date (in figures)			DAYS FORFEITED					
Day	Month	Year	Prison	Det'n	Cells	C. Power	W. Trial	In diff. Char.

O.H.F. Received

FILM NO. WSP-4178-3 DATE

SECOND CLASS FOR CONDUCT
From To



V73882 OFFICIAL NUMBER

NAME BERGE Olaf Elmer
(Surname) (Given Names)

P.I.B. OFFICIAL NUMBER V73882

Ship or Establishment	Rating	From			Remarks	Character	Efficiency	Date		
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year
HMCS "Discovery"	Sto. II	19	10	43	Div. Str. Vancouver	VG.		31	12	43
"	"	10	12	43	Act. Serv. D.L. 10.12.43.	VG.	SAT	31	12	44
Cornwallis	"	29	1	44	DL. 29.1.44	V.G.	Supr.	16	4	45
Stadacona	"	9	3	44	DRD #90 P.#6					
Esquimalt	"	28	3	44	DRD S.#115 P.#19					
"	Stoker 1	8	9	44	Rated 249A A14714					
Stadacona	"	25	9	44	Serv. Cert.					
DISCHARGED	"	16	4	45	"Killed in Action" Casualty List.					

Non-Sub. Rating	Qualified			Re-Qualified		
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year

GENERAL REMARKS

Awarded Canadian Memorial Cross to:
 Mother- Mrs. Ida Helena Berge,
 3640 Carolina St.,
 Vancouver, B.C.
 4-6-45

DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE BIRTH		CIVIL OCCU.		RELI.	ED.	PERM. RESIDENCE			PREV. ENL.	RANK OR RATE ON ENLISTMENT		
DY.	MO.	YR.	BIRTH	MAIN	SUB	GION			P.	CTV.	TOWN	SERV. DIV.	A	BR.	RANK
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ENLIST. DATE			ACT. SERV. DATE			STR.	ACT. SERV. DATE			SHIP OR	RANK OR RATE				
DY.	MO.	YR.	DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	DY.	MO.	YR.	ESTAB.	A	BR.	RANK		
19	10	43	10	12	43					9830	0	15	95		
SENIORITY			STR.	NON-SUB.		M.	CODED			CHECKED					
DY.	MO.	YR.	CAT.	A	B	ST.									
10	12	43	13	00	00					BR-	011	10			

Six copies to be rendered to Naval Service Headquarters

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REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN OFFICER, MAN OR BOY

H.M.C.S. ESQUIMAULT at Sea

Name OLAF ELMER BERGE
(Christian names in full)

Rank of Rating Stoker 1 Official No. 7-71582 R.C.N.V.R.
(If unknown, date of first entry)

Place of Birth Viking, Alberta Date of Birth 1st Sept., 1924

Occupation in Civil Life Mechanic Religion United Church

Number of years service in the Navy (Long Service R.C.N., or mobilized service in case of R.C.N. (Temporary) or Reserve ratings) 19th Oct., 1943 - 16th April, 1945

Date of Death 16th April, 1945 Place of Death At Sea

Cause of Death Lost at sea - enemy action
(If due to accident, violence, or enemy action, particulars to be stated briefly)

Nearest known relative or friend { Name W.O. Berge Relationship Father
Address 1640 Caroline St., Vancouver, B.C.

Date on which the above was informed by Ship Not Known

Date on which death was registered with local Officials Not Known

In the case of Imperial Service men, whether Active Service, Pensioner or Reserve, date on which the prescribed return was rendered to the Registrar General in London, Edinburgh or Dublin, according to Nationality.....

Place of Burial Vancouver, B.C. Date of Burial.....
(if known) (if known)

Location, Number, etc., of grave.....
(if known)

Undertaker employed.....
(if any)

If borne for discipline only, date D.S.Q. or invalidated.....

[Signature]
Commanding Officer,
194.....

*Noted
DPR/15
28/5*

The NAVAL SECRETARY,
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa, Canada.

NOTED
ESTATES CARD
JUN 1 1945
D.N.P.A. SEC. 11
M.M.O.

In all cases this Form is to be sent in addition to the Report by Telegraph required by the Regulations.

Distribution: File, Imp. W. G. Com., Dom. Stat., Register.

REGISTERED

AIR MAIL

N.S. V-73332 PERS. (N)

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, 7 May, 1945.

Dear Mr. Berge:

Further to my letter of the 19th of April, 1945, I am passing on the following particulars regarding the loss of H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT", the ship in which your son was serving. This information is now being released for publication.

H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT", a Royal Canadian Navy minesweeper, was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine while on operational duty off the east coast of Canada. One Officer and fifteen ratings were killed at the time of the disaster, four Officers and twenty-four ratings are missing and now presumed dead, while two Officers and twenty-four ratings survived the sinking.

The following is an excerpt from the report of a Canadian Naval Press Relations Officer who was in contact with survivors of the ill-fated ship.

"Struck by a torpedo on the starboard side, H.M.C.S. "ESQUIMALT" listed heavily, and sank stern first in a few minutes. The ship's list had the seaboard under water and flooded before it could be released from the davits, but carley floats were freed quickly before the ship went down, and those who escaped from the ship gathered on four of these floats.

"It was from the four floats that a sister Bangor minesweeper, H.M.C.S. "SARNIA", picked up the survivors nearly six hours later. Many who had reached the floats safely had died of exposure on the floats, from the soaking in the cold sea water, and sixteen bodies were taken aboard the rescue craft.

"In spite of the rapidity with which the ship heeled over and slid under the surface there was no panic or confusion", a surviving Officer reported. Everyone he had seen had been calmly and quickly abandoning ship.

"Many men had died in the floats, and their bodies were brought aboard H.M.C.S. "SARNIA" with the survivors.

"Artificial respiration was given to some of the unconscious men for hours after they were picked up, but only two men were revived."

May I again express the sincere sympathy of the Department with you in your bereavement.

Yours sincerely,

L.B.
Deputy SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

Mr. Egil G. Berge,
3610 Carolina St.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

DIRECTORATE
OF
PERSONNEL RECORDS
R/5

W.H.
Despatched by
Sec. N. B.

Date 8/5/45
Time 11 30

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N.S. V-73882, F.D.401, PERS.(N)

16 June, 1945.

Sir:

With reference to Report of Death respecting the late Olaf Elmer Berge, Stoker First Class, Official Number V-73882, Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve, forwarded on the 30th of May, 1945, the following information has now been received respecting his burial:

Name of Cemetery: Mountain View Cemetery.

Date of Burial: 26 April, 1945.

Location of Grave: Field of Honor, Block 3, Plot 18, Lot 14.

Undertaker: Mt. Pleasant Undertaking Co.

Yours truly,

H.B. Money

SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.

J. S. K.

Q.

The Secretary,
The Imperial War Graves Commission,
312 Transportation Building,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

VERIFICATION FORM
 CAMPAIGN STARS, DEFENCE MEDAL, WAR MEDAL, C.V.S.M. and CLASP.
 NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (1915).

NAME IN FULL BERGE Prof Emer RANK/RATING Stole OFF. NO. V 73882 ADDRESS

SHIP	SERVICE			AREA	QUALIFYING PERIODS IN DAYS					STARS MEDALS	✓ 1 2	ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS OF	
	FROM	TO	DAYS		FROM	TO	1939-45	ATLANTIC	DEFENCE				CLASP C.V.S.M.
	10/12/43											1939-45	1 star
<u>Coginault</u>	28/3/44	16/4/45	388	<u>Atl</u>								ATLANTIC	1 star
<u>Disch "Head"</u>												FRANCE G.	
	16/4/45											AFRICA	
												PACIFIC	
												BURMA	
												ITALY	
												DEFENCE	
												C.V.S.M.	2 @ clasp
												" CLASP	

WAR 1945 / Medal

WAR 1915

VERIFIED BY *[Signature]*

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VERIFIED BY

..... DIR. OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.

RCNVR Nov. 45 "ESQUIMALT"

MEDALS AND MEMORIALS—DECEASED PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION No. DATE OF DESPATCH

<p>(1) <u>MEDALS</u> <u>PERSON</u> ENTITLED TO Mr. Egil G. Berge - Father</p>	<p><i>Hold Pending application</i></p>
<p>ADDRESS: 3640 Carolina St., VANCOUVER, B.C. <i>No Later add.</i></p>	<p>(1) 30/6/50</p>
<p>(2) <u>MEMORIAL CROSS</u> WIDOW</p>	<p>(2)</p>
<p>ADDRESS:</p>	
<p>(3) <u>MEMORIAL CROSS</u> MOTHER Mrs. Ida H. Berge</p>	<p>(3)</p>
<p>ADDRESS: 3640 Carolina St., Vancouver, B.C.</p>	<p>4-6-45</p>

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

AWARDS

WAR SERVICE RECORDS

BERGE	Olaf Elmer	V-73882	Sto. 1/c	FILE No.
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SURNAME (IN BLOCK LETTERS)	CHRISTIAN NAMES	REG. No.	RANK ON DISCHARGE	C.A.S.F. UNIT
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WAR SERVICE

BADGE

(CLASS)	No.	DATE DESPATCHED:
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ADDRESS:

CAMPAIGN MEDALS	REGISTRATION NUMBER AN DATE DESPATCHED
1939-45 Star	<p>MEDALS RETD. Undelivered RET'd to stock.</p> <p>CANCELLED</p> <p>02-59521 M</p>  <p>P</p>
Atlantic Star	
C.V.S.M. & Clasp	
War Medal	
	(THE REVER)